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The Army looks upon the "Red Star" as the official paper. Such, evidently has to be. But I would advise you- especially now, before the introduction of a contract system for recruitment- to give more attention to the soldiers and sergeants with leadership or specialty skills. As you know, success, in this time and in war, now depends more on the soldiers and sergeants than officers.

In their own time "Red Star" wrote much about the upheavels connected with the shooting down of the reconnaisance plane RB-47 by Anatoly Polyakov. The fate of our comrade could have turned out to be more dramatic if it had not been for Junior Sergeant Khalozov. At the exact moment RB-47 appeared at the border we had been ordered to switch our aircraft radio frequencies and the ground station were still working on the previous frequency. This ten minute delay, while we were changing to new frequencies, could have cost us dearly.

Imagine this; Polyakov was already in the cockpit, had started the engines, Khalozov had to display considerable skill self-control, and restraint in order to retune the radio receiver right next to the roaring engine [line of text illegible]. The award that Polyakov received belongs to the Junior Sergeant also, for if Polyakov had taken off without radio communications then there would not have been possibility of completing his combat mission.

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